

Press Association Party Spends Most Interesting Vacation In Havana, Cuba

By KIRKLEY BROWN

Serving in the dual role of vacationists and unofficial goodwill ambassadors, 200 Alabamians—including representatives of 61 newspapers—spent a glamorous three days and four nights in Havana during the week of July 17-23 as members of the Alabama Press Association's third convention tour to the Cuban capital.

The week's 2,000-mile vacation tour—which included a 300-mile overnight boat trip from Port Tampa to Havana and return—ended early Saturday evening when the Atlantic Coast Line special air-conditioned train pulled into Montgomery's terminal station where the tour began on the previous Sunday morning.

After leaving Montgomery Sunday morning, July 17, the party's special train arrived late that afternoon at Port Tampa where the Peninsula and Occidental Steamship Company's S.S. Cuba was waiting for the overnight sail to Key West. Upon arrival at Key West, at 10 a.m. Monday, an hour of sight-seeing was enjoyed in the southernmost city of the United States.

That afternoon at 4 o'clock the party sailed up the harbor past Moro Castle. At the dock, to greet the visitors were officials of the Cuban Tourist Commission and Adolph Valdes, owner of the Hotel Plaza where the Alabamians made their headquarters throughout their delightful visit in Havana. So complete was the hospitality of Mr. Valdes that a table of the Alabama Press Association and each member of the party were unanimous in their designation of him as a "perfect host."

The Alabama delegation was royally entertained on numerous occasions by the highest government officials in Havana, neither expense nor time in showing their cordial hospitality. On Tuesday afternoon, after visiting the offices of Havana newspapers given by Mayor Antonio Benitez Mendez at the City Hall. As did the other officials, Mayor Mendez spoke in glowing terms of welcome and the reply was made by C. L. Walton, Lafayette, president of the Alabama Press Association. On display at the reception was an elaborate exhibit of sewing and other articles made by Cuban school children.

On Wednesday morning an official reception was tendered the Alabamians by President Laredo Bru in the magnificent Presidential Palace. Speaking through an interpreter, President Bru cordially invited the party to return to Havana for a fourth time in the near future and termed their visit one in a chain of similar friendly gestures calculated to cement bonds of friendship which have already existed between the people of Cuba and the United States. On behalf of the entire party, Mr. Walton thanked President Bru for the many courtesies extended the party by Cuban officials and as a token of the cordial feeling of Alabama and the United States presented him with a gift set of handsome medals, manufactured at Fairfax, Ala. Mr. Walton then read letters of greeting from Governor Grayson, Senator Lester Hill, Speaker William D. Bankhead, and Senator John H. Bankhead. Assembling in

the beautiful rotunda of the Cuban Capitol Thursday morning, the party was received by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The activities each evening in Havana began with an elaborate dinner-dance on the Plaza Hotel roof garden. After dinner on Tuesday evening the party looked in for a time on a jai-alai game, one of the three types of gambling authorized by the Cuban Government—the others being cock fighting and the national lottery. At tennis, both singles and doubles can be played in jai-alai, which requires a court about 30 feet wide, 100 feet long, and three walls about 25 feet high. The ball is hurled by the players from a narrow basket-type wicker goal about 18 inches long. Visits followed then to two of Havana's gay night clubs, Sals Sorey and the summer Casino La Playa.

On Tuesday morning, the party visited the La Carona Cigar factory and took an extended motor trip over both new and old sections of Havana, including visits to the Merced Church where a service was in progress, the Mamie Monument on the beautiful Gulf shore drive and other historical points of interest. The party then drove through the Colon Cemetery up Havana's Fifth Avenue where many of the best residences are located, and then to the famous Tropical Gardens for a luncheon given by the National Tourist Commission.

Following the reception at the Presidential Palace on Wednesday morning the party was entertained by the Bacardi Company. That afternoon an inspection visit was made to Camp Columbia, headquarters of the Cuban military forces. Here they were greeted by Major Jaime Malm, in the absence of Col. Fulgencio Batista, army chief of staff. That evening after dinner the party visited the Spanish Club, the Garden of Eden and Kismet night clubs and several sidewalk cafes.

While at Camp Columbia, Major Marine informed the party that the other officials, Mayor Mendez, Colonel Batista, who had been detained in Santiago, had sent an invitation to the party to visit the new Civic-Military Institute. Mr. Walton explained that provision for a trip to the institute was not included in the tour. Major Marine then informed the Alabamians that he would arrange the tour without expense to the visitors.

As a result of this extremely courtesy on the part of Colonel Batista, extended through his personal representative and chief aid, Major Marine, the itinerary was immediately changed to include visit to the Civic-Military Institute on Thursday morning after the reception at the Cuban Capitol. Located at Caba del Agua, this excellent institution gives the best in classical, practical and military education to Cuban boys from the ages of six to 17 years whose fathers have died in municipal or government service. Prior to the luncheon served here, a special review was staged by the young cadets in honor of the Alabama visitors. Heading the reception committee at the Institute was its president, Dr. Juan Bryan, Stanley Hall, Langhorne and Russell to the U. S. Ambassadors, J. Butler Wright, at the American Embassy.

Other Press Association officials who accompanied President Walton on the trip were M. C. Giles, Sheffield, vice-president; R. C. Bryan, Elba, secretary; and the following members of the executive committee: Coby Hall, Alexander City; F. W. Stanley, Greenville; Miss Clara Burdison, Hartsville; Jesse Adams, Ozark; and W. W. Bateman, Wetumpka. The Alabama State Chamber of Commerce was represented by its president, Benjamin Russell, Alexander City, and the industrial Chamber of Commerce was represented by Manager L. E. Foster, Karl Langrebe and Ed LeMay. "Alabama and Cuba now enjoy a profitable trade relationship," said Mr. Walton in one of his Havana addresses. "Commerce across the Gulf is now greater than at any time since 1929, and recent developments pave the way for an even greater industrial and business expansion between our respective business interests. The free port at Mobile will open up to the islands of the Gulf unprecedented avenues for extension of commerce in the markets of Alabama and throughout the mainland. Trade barriers on exports and imports are being measured by men of both governments and around the council table of both nations barriers are to be lifted to guarantee economic salvation and greater prosperity for all of us."

The trip was arranged through Roy Brown Tours, Inc., Montgomery. Accompanying the party also was Walter Winston, traffic manager for A. C. L. railroad, and Austin Williamson, of the P. & O. Steamship Company.

THE ELBA CLIPPER

ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1938

Large Crowds Attending Services At M. E. Church

Large crowds are in attendance at each service of the revival which began at the Methodist Church last Sunday morning.

Rev. L. S. Gilmer, pastor of the Midway Methodist Church, is doing the preaching. He has wide experience in evangelistic work, is a splendid speaker and presents his gospel messages in a most convincing manner.

The revival will continue throughout the week with services daily at 10:30 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. A social invitation is extended to every one to attend all services.

MISS FANNIE PAUL PASSES

Miss Fannie Paul, 63 years of age, well known resident of Thomasville, passed away at her home last Wednesday morning, July 27th.

Funeral services were held at Thomasville Thursday with Rev. Andrews officiating. Interment was in the Danvers cemetery. Pallbearers were Lee Thomas, Vernon Hixson, A. L. Moore, Dave Hatcher, J. L. Burke and Leroy Moore. Burial was in charge of arrangements.

McCollough had a knife which he had hidden in his pocket, and he was accused of the murder. He was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison.

FLORIDA IN ELBA TODAY FOR LAST GAME OF SEASON

The Florida team will meet the Red Sox on the local grounds this afternoon at three o'clock in the last regular game of the schedule of the South Alabama League. The game promises to be a good one, if the weather man is not in error.

Although this is the last regular league game, Manager W. T. Whit, Jr., states that several other games will be played here before summer is over. One or two games with some of the strong North Alabama teams is on the anticipated list and these should prove quite popular.

Enterprise defeated the Red Sox last Thursday by a score of 8 to 6. The Enterprise batters, composed of King, who started pitching for Elba, and finally John Kendrick took the mound and pitched a good game. Watkins did the pitching for Enterprise and some of the Elba batters couldn't touch his offerings while others worried him considerably before the game was over.

Health Notes

By W. A. DODSON, M. D.
County Health Officer

CLINIC SCHEDULES FOR NEXT WEEK ARE ANNOUNCED

Announcement of skin-testing and X-ray clinics for the week of August 8 was made today by Dr. W. A. Dodson, of the Coffee County Health Department.

Bluff Springs School, August 8, skin tests done, August 10, skin tests read and X-rays done.

Antioch School, August 8, skin tests read and X-rays done.

Zoar School, August 9, skin tests read and X-rays done.

Double Head School, August 10, skin tests done, August 11, skin tests read and X-rays done.

Damascus School, August 12, skin tests done.

Two Boys Arrested In Slaying Of Youth Near Samson Thursday

SAMSON, July 30.—Huis McCollough, 13, of near Samson, on the church yard at Piney Grove Church Thursday evening during revival services.

Sasser is alleged to have entered the church and got Locke, and to have the reputation of a fighter in his community, reportedly to have a fight between the boys.

Three other boys are known to have been taken part in the slaying, but no services will be held for the slain boy.

It is rumored that the two slabs it the back of Locke might have been inflicted by some other in the crowd, other than McCollough, as was first believed.

Investigations in the case are still to be continued.

Huis McCollough is at liberty under a \$1,000 bond, since the case is under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court.

LOCKE FUNERAL FRIDAY

Funeral services for Jesse Clayton Locke, who died Thursday night from knife wounds received in an altercation at Piney Grove Church near Samson, will be held Friday afternoon at Shady Grove with Rev. Jackson officiating.

Locke was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Locke, of Coffee County, of near Samson. McCollough is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McCollough.

Second Youth Arrested; Charged With Starting Arson

SAMSON, Ala., Aug. 2.—William Sasser, 14, of Coffee County, was arrested late Monday afternoon at his home, charged with arson in the fatal slaying of Locke.

Sasser, 12, who was cut to the bone by a knife, was arrested by Sheriff Register and taken to the county jail.

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Late in the list of these houses to be visited were the M. Pleasant, County Line and Kingston tours.

The improvement of most general appeal throughout the membership of 25 clubs was the construction of storage spaces. This movement has taken care of the surplus pots and pans, bags of groceries and many other items in the kitchen, cleared the boxes from under beds, taken clothes from closets and many other things.

Many homes have beautiful pieces of home-made furniture, ranking from a studio couch made of dressing tables built of orange grove, to a variety of dressers, tables, chairs, and other furniture.

The unit took such equipment as folding kitchens, clothing, weapons, tents and other material needed to make a complete camp for themselves.

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